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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Satellite Photo Reconnaissance Missions

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-41.18/4 (COMOR-D-24/182),
18 December 1964, Limited Distribution
b. USIB-D-41.18/6 (COMOR-D-56/68),
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1. In restricted session at the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) meeting on 6 January with the Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Organization (DD/NRO) present, the Chairman introduced items one and two on the agenda (references a. and b. above) by stating that these two evaluations had been produced at his request. He pointed out that reference a. had originally been circulated to the Board for information only but, at the request of General Carroll, had been placed on the agenda.

2. The Acting DIA Member stated this request had been made because General Carroll felt reference a. was an excellent paper and because it reflected a new type of analysis which should be discussed by USIB. General Fitch also said that General Carroll recommended that USIB note the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) evaluation in reference a. with particular attention to the Conclusions contained therein. General Fitch also proposed that COMOR be tasked to make recommendations regarding just when the new orbit should be used and under what circumstances it would be most useful.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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3. The DCI agreed and commented that this was the first time COMOR had evaluated the results of a mission in exactly this way. He pointed out in connection with the evaluation in reference b. that this paper reflected a desire on his part to assess the effectiveness of the [redacted] He indicated he felt the effort very worthwhile and proposed that COMOR be asked from time to time to evaluate the results of particular types of missions and give the Board such an audit.

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4. Concerning reference b. which there had not been much time to study, the Acting DIA Member proposed that USIB refer this paper to COMOR for review as a coordinated paper. Mr. Reber said that he would like to have COMOR go over it. The Chairman asked that senior NRO personnel consider reference b. and furnish appropriate guidance to their COMOR representative.

5. After further discussion, USIB:

a. Noted reference a., the "Evaluation of Mission 1014 vis-a-vis Cuba and the Sino-Soviet Bloc," with particular attention to the Conclusions therein.

b. Directed COMOR to submit recommendations to the Board regarding when the equally spaced orbit should be used and under what circumstances it would be most useful.

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d. Agreed that COMOR from time to time should prepare for the Board evaluations of the results of particular types of satellite photo reconnaissance missions along the general lines of references a. and b.

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Executive Secretary

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